

band went on to compete and place fourth at the National Championship in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

This victory demonstrates that with hard work, determination, and discipline, we can reach our goals. The band also received awards for best music, effect, visual, performance, and guard. Fifty-three musicians qualified for the performance, and they remained focused and determined to achieve their dream of victory at the statewide competition.

I want to applaud the band's staff—Todd Burroughs, Christina Burroughs, Bobby Jones, Mark Lortz, Megan Howell, Briscoe Thompson, and Kevin Burroughs for their dedication and commitment to training these superb musicians. I also send my hardest congratulations to the members of the marching band on their victory—Carrie Barrett, Alexis Badovski, Samantha Lockard, Breanna Thorne, Brendan Utt, Bailie Anthony, Elizabeth Barnes, William Husk, Kacey Roberts, Jennifer Russnogle, Paula Wills, Robert Konen, Chris Mitchell, Marlena Krauth, Jennifer Thalman, Sam Prettyman, Dakota Sparks, Josh Wetherald, Geoffrey Westbrook, Joey Coleman, Kelsie Gill, Philip Hayden, Garret Ordille, Matt Ordille, Megan Mosier, Nick Nelson, Ryan Nelson, Kelly Purdy, Jacob Thorne, Kayla Bean, Kolleen Dare, Jake Flowers, Jennafer Harris, Rachel Kaper, Kayla Morris, Taylor McQueeney, Nicole Sadecki, Hunter Sparks, Madison Bateman, Rachel Escolopio, Amber Griffith, Sabrina Hill, Danielle Hilton, Carly Keating, Hannah Kozlowski, Emily McKoy, Rachel Nussberger, Darby Powell, Layne Thompson, Melanie Thompson, Kristen Wetzell, Mackenzie Wood, Meredith Wood, and Gina Zanelotti.

I'm very proud of these young men and women, and I congratulate all those involved in bringing home the championship title. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this significant accomplishment.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers of The Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corps.

The Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corps (GPWMRC) is a cadre of volunteer health care professionals and community members trained to respond to emergencies and assist with public health events in Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. This unit is one of approximately 800 units that are part of the national Medical Reserve Corps program under the direction of the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General and 1 of 31 in the Commonwealth of Virginia. GPWMRC volunteers frequently provide important services at events such as health fairs, vaccination clinics and large public gatherings. Volunteers also spend a lot of their time attending trainings and exercises so that they are prepared to help the community during an emergency.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for The Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corps:

Vickie Andrews, Evelyn Ansah-Agyei, Heather Baldwin, Valerie Bampoe, Hassan Bangura, Harry Beaver, Charlotte Bediako, Diondra Blyden, Sarah Boughman, Susan Brewer, Josh Brown, Eileen Brown, Pamela Brown, David Bruce, Alisa Bruce, Kathryn Cantoni, Janice Chambers, Gabriella Chimenz, Kathy Cobb, Nancy Collins, Debbie Constable, Judy Corcoran, Sonia Coughlin, Marguerite Crozier, Lisa Cullom, Valerie Cyrus, Theresa Dailey, Estelle Daniels, Tele Dasilveira, Brian Davis, Annette Davis, Molly Davis, Monique Davis, Faduma Deghill, Patricia Demain, Mary Dessimoz, Joseph Dibisceglie, Kalima Drga Abreu, Douglas Dulaney, Blossom Ellicott, Gloria Ephraim, Bernadette Espy, Adrienne Foose, Sandra Francis, Victoria Gammon, Bianca Garcia, Fil Beth Gatmaitan, Miguel Granillo, Masako Griffith, Brenda Grimes, Margaret Hayes, Shenna Hess, Jenny Ho, Joan Howard, Miwa Hwang, Annie Johnson, Kimberly Johnson, Lucinda Jones, Jennifer Jones, Fatmata Kamara, Jane Keady, Katherine Ketchum, Stephanie Keyes, Elizabeth Koren, Hawa Kun, Cecilia Kusi, Janiece Lacy, Grace Langebeck, Blake Leggett, Brunette Lewis, Joyce Lund, Nghi Lu-Tran, Linda Manley, Iris Matos, Jessica Maybar, Kamil McClain, Pamela McGrath, Megan McHugh, Cary McMahon, John Meehan, Judy Merring, Ryan Metz, Heather Miranda, Emerita Mogrovejo, Esther Moniba, Monica Moore, Virginia Morales, Troy Morton, Chrystal Morton, Margaret Nee, Ralph Neeper, Nancy Neeper, Rachel Nissley, Lawrence Ofosuhen, Juanita Oliver, Jose Quinones, Renee Ray, Teresa Rice, Mark Rivera, Melissa Rivera, Donna Robinson, Julie Russell, JoAnn Saenz, Mary Simon, Shekhar Sharma, Anne Shaw, Carrie Slavens, Zondra Smith, Kathleen Smith Peters, Jane Stottlmyer, Kamar Sumrall, Raquel Upshur, Susana Vega, Karen Villar, Valecia Washington, Margaret Watkins, Shalanda Weems, Gail West, Mary Weybright, Collis Williams, Siewadaye Williams, Rhondra Willis, Kathryn Willis, Gladys Wise, Reeza Woode.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of The Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corps for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

**SGT. WADE DANIEL WILSON,  
TEXAS WARRIOR**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 1, 2012*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Texas' native sons who served his country honorably in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I was deeply saddened to learn that Sergeant Wade Daniel Wilson of Leona, Texas was killed by enemy action in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan on May 11, 2012.

Wade Wilson was one man whose life made a difference at a very young age. He personi-

fied the core values of the United States Marine Corps: honor, courage, and commitment.

Wade grew up in Leona, a small city near Centerville, Texas. He was a graduate of Centerville High School, and he was known to have a heart of a champion; whether on the football field or in the classroom.

With his faith in God and country, at age 17, Wade enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. On his second tour of duty, Wade understood that the nation was at war, yet he chose to charge headlong into battle for a second time. There are not many of us who would be willing to volunteer to leap into the lion's den of Afghanistan where the cowardly enemy hides in caves. It says something special about the quality of this American fighting man that he would boldly face those who kill in the name of religion.

On Friday, May 11, 2012, Sergeant Wade Wilson was killed while conducting a combat operation in Afghanistan. He was just 22 years of age. As a soldier in Afghanistan fighting the forces of the Taliban, Wade defended freedom. He defended it for his mother, Cindy Lee; his stepfather, Ward; his father, Rusty; his stepmother Tammy, his three brothers, his sister, his three step-sisters; and all of their families. He defended freedom for all of us. Sergeant Wade Wilson was a true soldier. We all owe a debt that can never be repaid to Sergeant Wilson's sacrifice, and today and tomorrow, we will mourn with his family and friends for the tragic loss of their son, brother, friend, citizen, soldier and hero.

My friend, Mayor Steve Stephens of Dayton, Texas, has a farmhouse in Leona, Texas. His long time neighbors are Ward and Cindy Lee Easterling, Sergeant Wade Wilson's stepfather and mother. As a teen, Wade worked for Mayor Stephens on his farm. Mayor Stephens said on May 18, 2012, hundreds of residents lined the streets of Leona and Centerville, paying tribute to the family of this patriot. Many of those on the streets carried flags and yellow ribbons. Others held banners saying, "Greater love hath no man than one who gives his life for a friend" John 15:13. Patriotism is alive and well in Texas. And, Sergeant Wilson's commitment to his country is one reason why.

Wade's funeral on Saturday, May 19, 2012, happened to fall on Armed Services Day. Held in Centerville High School's auditorium, hundreds of supporters from Leon County came out to mourn the loss of America's son, Wade Wilson, and all those who came before him. We know that freedom is not free, and we thank this fearless Marine for dedicating his life to America.

Our young people who go to the valley of the gun and the desert of the sun are relentless, remarkable characters. They go where others fear to tread and where the faint-hearted are not found. These warriors represent the best of our nation. They are the sons of liberty and the daughters of democracy. These few, these noble few, are American warriors who take care of the rest of us.

Sergeant Wade Wilson, your tour of duty has been honorably concluded.

And that's just the way it is.